City of Lafayette Staff Report

For:	City Council
By:	Matt Luttropp, Associate Engineer
Date Written:	May 13, 2008
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Subject:	Adoption of CEQA Categorical Exemption finding for Lafayette Circle Utility Undergrounding Project

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Introduction / Discussion

Staff has determined that the Rule20A Underground Utility District Project on Lafayette Circle qualifies as categorically exempt under CEQA Section 15302(d) governing the conversion of overhead utility lines to underground systems. Staff recommends that the Council adopt a categorical exemption finding and authorize staff to record a Notice of Exemption for this project.

Recommendation

Adopt a CEQA Categorical Exemption finding under Section 15302(d) for the Lafayette Circle Underground Utility District Project and authorize staff to record a Notice of Exemption.

Notice of Exemption

To: County Clerk
County of Contra Costa
822 Main St., P.O. Box 350
Martinez, CA 94553-1226

From: City of Lafayette
3675 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Suite 210
P.O. Box 1968
Lafayette, CA 94549

Project Title: Lafayette Circle Underground Utility District, Zone 8

Project Location – Specific: The entirety of Lafayette Circle

Project Location – City: Lafayette **Project Location – County:** Contra Costa County

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The undergrounding of overhead utility lines and removal of existing utility poles.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Lafayette

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: John M Luttropp

Exempt Status: (*check one*)

- ☐ Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268)
- ☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
- ☐ Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))
- ☒ Categorical Exemption. State Type and Section Number: (Sec. 15302(d))
- ☐ Statutory Exemption. State Code Number: 15302, 15303, 15304, 15311

Reasons why project is exempt:

-15302(d) Allows for the conversion of overhead electric utility distribution system facilities to underground including connection to existing overhead electric utility distribution lines where the surface is restored to the condition existing prior to the undergrounding.

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